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## **SACRAMENTO WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CREDIT CARD FRAUD AND POSSESSION OF COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY**

*She Was Found with 67 Fraudulent Credit Cards and Fake \$10 Bills*

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that PRISCILLA RENEE CARLISLE, 34, of Sacramento, pleaded guilty this morning before United States District Judge Garland E. Burrell Jr. to felony access device fraud and counterfeit currency possession.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, and the City of Sacramento Police Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, from October 2007 through February 2008, CARLISLE obtained credit cards using the name and social security number of others and using fictitious identification information. She obtained stolen mail containing credit card applications and falsely returned the applications to obtain a second card—on the legitimate account—in her own name and for her fraudulent use.

In carrying out this scheme, CARLISLE succeeded in defrauding merchants and purchasing a vehicle. The intended loss in this case exceeded \$30,000. During the investigation, law enforcement determined that she also possessed high-quality counterfeit \$10 bills with the intent to pass the phoney currency.

CARLISLE is scheduled to be sentenced on January 16, 2008. She faces up to 10 years in prison for credit card fraud, an additional 20 years for possession of counterfeit currency, a fine of up to \$500,000, restitution, and federal supervised release of up to three years. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

CARLISLE was on California state probation during commission of her offenses.

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